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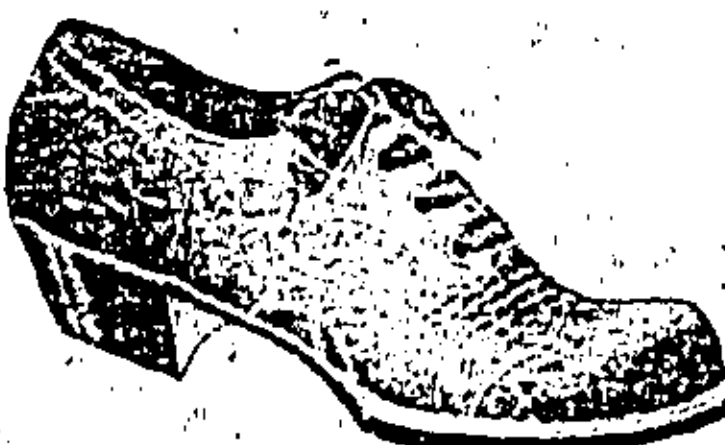
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LAOU KUNG MOW COTTON SPINNING CO.

TROUBLE WITH THE CHINESE STAFF.

The twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on February 21st at the offices of the general managers, Messrs Albert and Co., Ltd., Shanghai. Those present at the meeting were the following directors, Mr. E. C. Pearce (Chairman), Mr. C. M. Bain, Mr. E. I. Kara, Mr. Chung Liang-yu, and shareholders representing altogether 1,736 shares.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, The report and accounts having been in your hands for some few days, we will, with your permission, adopt our usual procedure and take them as read."

In laying the report and accounts before the shareholders, your Board regret that the result of the year's working is not satisfactory.

In reviewing the past year, I have to report a complete dislocation of the mill's internal working during the greater part of the year due to staff and labour troubles. During the first quarter your Board were faced with an output from the mill showing a quantity of cotton to produce a bale of yarn out of all proportion to our previous records, owing to the amount of waste cotton produced in spinning. Very little better results were obtained for the next quarter. Your Board realized that it was necessary to make a drastic change in the working of the mill.

Mr. Marphing, our manager for several years, endeavoured to do his best, but was unfortunately severely handicapped by ill health, which was corroborated by a letter from the Company's medical adviser informing the Board that he could not further stand the strain of management. During August the hands became so unruly that it became necessary to dismiss the whole of the native staff.

Mr. Fairhurst, our present manager, was engaged on September 14, and took over charge of the mill on October 2. Then commenced a period of intimidation on the part of the dismissed Chinese to breed discontent among the new hands; at one time in September the troubles almost resulted in a complete stoppage of the mill. In these circumstances, the output was seriously affected. The labour trouble became so acute that on the evening of October 4 several leaders obtained access to the mill with the night shift, who after extinguishing the lights, started a miniature riot in the spinning room, causing the breakage of several windows and the deliberate cutting of some 41 driving belts. The police had to be called in to restore order.

Matters commenced to run more smoothly in November, but the new Chinese contractor was unable to turn out anything like our normal production. During the last quarter, although the new manager has been able to reorganize successfully the internal working of the mill, the market has been against us, yarn, as you are aware, gradually falling away in price.

Under these very adverse circumstances, against which your Board have had to contend throughout the year, it is to be regretted that no dividend is possible.

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From the accounts you will observe that the undivided profit on the cost of the mill basis, and now that the management of our affairs is in a satisfactory footing, we should keep the bench as soon as the market for yarn recovers from the lethargy into which it has fallen during the last three or four months.

Before asking you to adopt the Accounts and Report, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability. The following four resolutions were then passed without discussion:

"That the report and accounts as presented be passed." Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Bain.

"That Messrs. E. I. Kara and Chung Liang-yu be re-elected directors of the company." Proposed by Mr. R. W. Wells and seconded by Mr. C. M. Bain.

"That Mr. George Wingrove be re-elected the company's auditor for the current year." Proposed by Mr. R. W. Wells and seconded by Mr. C. M. Bain.

"That the next general meeting be held during either the month of February or March 1917." Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Kara.

"THAT" AND "WHICH."

One error of writers that gets on my nerves is the incorrect use of "which" and "that," and especially of "which" for "that," says a writer in The New York Sun. Almost universally these words are used indifferently as if they meant the same thing, and a large percentage of writers have an annoying preference for "which" where they should use "that," seeming to regard the former as a more choice expression and as lending more distinction to their style. There is not the slightest excuse for this. We do not expect writers to use a double negative for an affirmative, and would consider the habit the height of banality. Yet this misuse of "which" is just as banal.

Examples abound in almost any book that can be picked up. The following are taken at random from the first book at hand. Speaking of Pico della Mirandola, Peter ("The Renaissance") says: "For the essence of humanism is that belief, of which he seems never to have doubted, that nothing which has ever interested living men and women can wholly lose its vitality." He means "nothing that has ever interested." The two forms of expression do not mean the same thing at all. Nothing which has ever interested means that nothing is now always interested men and women—an absurdity.

The translator of Jean Christophe seems not to know that there is such a word as "that," at least he seems incapable of using it. In a preface, speaking of Jean

Christophe, he says: "What was not true for him does not exist; and as there are very few of the processes of human growth or decay which are not analyzed, there is a prophetic accuracy in this century." There is hardly a page of a translation that does not bristle with such gauderies of grammar.

In the introduction to Tolstoy's "Childhood, Boyhood and Youth" it is said: "As a series of pen pictures of the author's early life this book will, for many persons, convey more than the fullest and most connected autobiography of the same period could have done. Still more, for such persons, will it surpass any study which could be written by the most intimate friend or the most enthusiastic disciple of the master."

Matthew Arnold ("On Translating Homer") writes: "Instead of discussing Homer, (alleged) generally as a general question I prefer to bring to my mind some style which is garrulous, and to ask myself whether anything at all of the impression made by that style is ever made by the style of Homer. The following, to take out of a thousand instances the first which comes to hand, and so forth."

If any one needs a rule on the subject the following, from the Editor's Note to Cobbett's "English Grammar," is clear enough: "Who and which are proper only by the coordinating relative pronouns and 'that' is properly the restrictive relative pronoun. Whenever a clause restricts, limits, defines, qualifies, the antecedent, i.e., whenever it is adjectival—explanatory in its functions, it should be introduced with 'which' or 'who' or 'whom'."

I admit a certain attitude in bad grammar, in fact I demand it. Writing that is perfectly grammatical is by the nature of the case p. dante, it is "fairly faultless" and exact, precise, distinct. The best writers are all "grammatical," using bad grammar with taste, finesse and distinction. As a musician uses discord or an artist, lines, for ugliness is in the grammar of art and is required for the best effect. There is no excellent beauty that hath not some blemish or defect in its proportions. The highest still, anything, is in knowing when a d. how to violate the rules. Therefore, I would not have a writer never use "which" for "that"; there are times when his considerations require that it be done. My complaint is of the habitual misuse of the word. And my observation is that in most instances the word is a habitual misuse.

A man, who was apparently insane was on Saturday on the roof of Singapore's premises. He was taken to the hospital.

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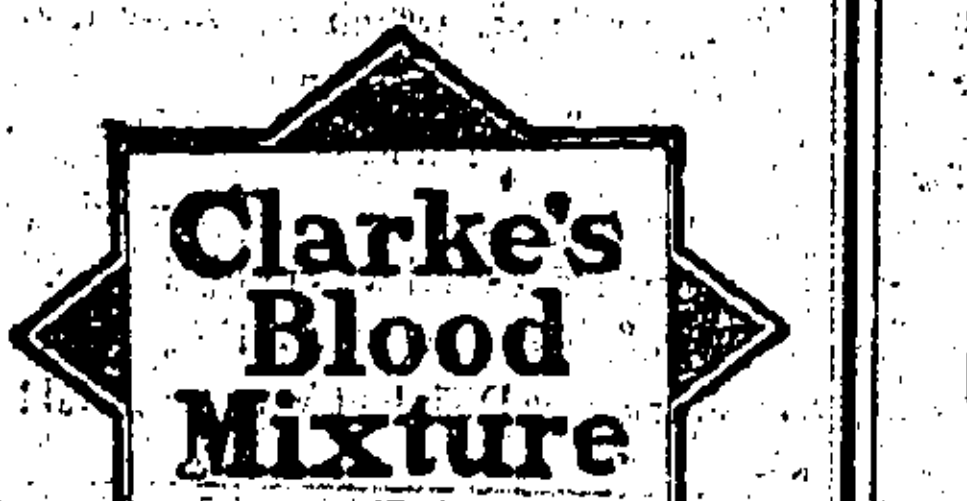
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THE WAR.

THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

NAVAL OFFENSIVE HERALDED WITH PRINCE HENRY IN COMMAND.

"THE TIME FOR THE ALLIES' OFFENSIVE HAS COME."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Feb. 28.

The heights of the Meuse, along which the Germans were trying to advance, are studded with ravines which are, at present, water-courses. French trenches and batteries enfilade these, and wounded soldiers who have arrived in Paris state that the carnage among the Germans was terrible. At many points, the dead form huge dams in the ravines. Sometimes the dam breaks and the addled flood carries down hundreds of corpses.

The French had not been idle throughout the battle. Troops, munition and artillery trains were rushing over the Eastern railway night and day. The consumption of shells exceeded all estimates; but if the battle ends through lack of ammunition the French are confident that the deficiency will be on the German side.

It is now undoubted that the Verdun thrust was the real thing at last.

The Times' Military Correspondent says the decision to put their fortunes to the test will be received with fierce delight by the Allies. We know much more of the German plans than the Germans thought, including the appointment of Prince Henry of Prussia to the High Command at Sea, heralding a naval battle besides a land offensive. Hence the Allies are not to be caught napping. General Joffre was never before possessed of larger reserves or better placed. Probably the German plan is not yet fully developed. The general idea of the Verdun blow is to attract the French reserves eastwards. Then the Germans may strike in Champagne or elsewhere with greater force, but it is doubtful whether the main French reserves were moved, the local reserves on the Meuse sustaining the contest. When the Germans were exhausted their hand was completely exposed. The time for the Allies' offensive has come.

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE WARFARE.

NOTIFICATION TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Germany has instructed Count Bernstorff to inform the United States Government that the *Unsinkable* assurances apply only to un-armed merchantmen.

It is understood that Germany contents that armed merchantmen are subject to destruction without warning. Submarine commanders are instructed to begin their relations work on Tuesday.

STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Feb. 28.

Steamers sunk include: The French steamer *Triguan*. In the North Sea on Friday. Five of the crew were rescued and 26 of the passengers and crew are missing. The Russian steamer *Petahenga*. Fifteen were saved.

THE CAPTIVE BRITISH ON THE "WESTBURN."

Texarkana, Feb. 28.

The *Westburn* left the German raider *Mowee* which captured her, when near Cape Verde on February 15th, taking a southerly course. The various captive British captains on board protested, whereupon they were offered the choice of making for the Canaries or on unknown island. They chose the Canaries.

The treatment of the prisoners (by the German prize crew) was harsh. They were constantly threatened with bombs. The food was as good as possible.

There is a difference of opinion about the *Mowee's* guns. It is now thought that she had none so large as 7-inch.

A captain and two runners from the *Glan Macaviech* were detained by the *Mowee* because they worked the gun; also the *Lascar* crew. The Captain and second officer of the *Westburn* were also detained on the ground that they made false nationality signals.

During the night that the *Westburn* was here, boats from the German main steamers were busy the night long. It is rumoured that they were removing some of the *Appam's* gold, hand-grenades and stores to Las Palmas.

The German prize crew of the *Westburn* were arrested after scuttling the ship. Subsequently the commander and lieutenant were put on parole.

ANOTHER MASSACRE IN ARMENIA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.

An escaped Armenian priest saw 13,000 Armenians massacred at Mush after the fall of Erzerum.

SUICIDE OF A GERMAN GENERAL.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.

Court Kanitz, the German Commandant at Kermanshah, committed suicide on the entry of the Russians.

THE "MALOJA" DISASTER.

HIGH PRAISE FOR LASCARS.

London, Feb. 28.

Two more bodies from the *Maloja* have been washed ashore.

The Times' Correspondent at Dover emphasises the coolness of the Lascars, whose behaviour is stated to have been magnificent.

Out of 203 Lascars aboard apparently only 86 were saved.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

THE YUNNAN OPERATIONS.

PEKING, Feb. 29.

A report from Szechuan states that heavy snow is preventing the progress of the troops.

A mandate has been issued ordering officials to punish those who spread unfounded rumours regarding the position in Yunnan.

The Military Governor of Hunan has requested the Government to send a warship for the protection of Changsha.

Military Councillor Huang Pui-chung is proceeding to Canton to assist the Military and Civil Governors.

PROROGATION OF THE STATE COUNCIL.

PEKING, Feb. 29.

The State Secretary will attend the last meeting of the Council and read a mandate closing the session.

MANCHU AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

PEKING, Feb. 29.

The Empress Kan, of the Chin dynasty, has ordered the clan and banner to obtain from political affairs.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

"MALOJA" DISASTER.

THE DEATH ROLL.

London, Feb. 28.

It is officially announced that 64 passengers have been saved out of 112, and, altogether, 260 were saved out of the full complement of 411.

It is hoped, however, that more names of those saved will yet be received.

The vessel struck a mine midway between Dover and Folkestone. The after part of the ship was blown up. There was a high sea running. The Captain tried to beach his ship, but was unsuccessful, as the engine-room was flooded. The boats were swung out before the accident. Most of the passengers were wearing lifebelts. The behaviour of the passengers and crew was splendid.

RESCUING STEAMER ALSO MIXED.

A three-masted steamer (subsequently ascertained to be the *Empress of Port William*) which went to the liner's assistance also struck a mine and sank in half an hour after the *Maloja*. Boats of all descriptions were launched and warships raced to the spot.

The crew of the rescuing steamer were saved and have been landed at Dover.

There have been howled at Dover the bodies of 13 females, two boys, 11 Lascars, and 18 other males.

The *Malaja* will take the *Maloja's* mails to Marseilles.

The *Maloja* is lying in 17 fathoms.

Many of the crew and several passengers have arrived in London. They were clad in rugs and other makeshifts.

PASSENGERS' STORIES.

An Infantry Lieutenant en route to Gibraltar, interviewed, said that most of the passengers were on deck at 11 a.m., when a storm was blowing up. Suddenly there was a violent explosion aft, and the vessel heeled over. The boats on the port side were unable to be used, owing to the list. The Lieutenant's boat fell when the occupants were being lowered and all were thrown out. He swam for ten minutes, and was then taken on a raft and landed on a motor-boat. There was no panic. The passengers were very calm, and the conduct of the crew was "top-hole."

The Captain of the *Maloja* was the last to leave. He slipped into the water as the vessel disappeared and swam for nearly half an hour.

Interviews with Messrs. Anderson, Avery, Bostock, Heron, Sharpe, and Meredith, and Madame Wilkins are also published.

Mr. Avery was unconscious when he was rescued. He says a lady from his boat died of the cold aboard a rescuing trawler. The seas broke the rafts and soaked the occupants. The waves prevented some of the rescuing vessels from launching boats. It is probable that not a life would have been lost but for the "iceiness of the water." Mr. Meredith saw seamen leap overboard, with children in their arms. Others who were swimming kept women afloat.

The *Maloja's* printer, Coleman, says that after the explosion he rushed to his boat, and he, with a dozen others, jumped in. The apparatus became jammed. An officer helped to clear the boat, which, however, fell 30 feet into the sea. Three of the occupants were thrown into the water, but were rescued. They were taken off by a tug as the boat was sinking.

Mrs. Gregory Leegood says that she and another lady were knocked down by the explosion and bruised, but they swam to the saloon, got their lifebelts, and entered a boat, but it was so crowded that they jumped into the sea, though unable to swim. They floated for 15 minutes before they were picked up. The *Daily Telegraph* says all the engine-room staff were saved, except a winchman.

REMINDED OF THE "BLUCHER" PICTURE.

The Captain of the *Empress of Port William*, which was en route to Dunkirk with a cargo of coal, says that on nearing Dover he saw the liner down astern. He went full speed to her assistance. The port side of the *Maloja* was out of the water. He could see eight of the ship's boats lying on the side, impossible to be used. He saw many persons on the outer side of the vessel, just like the pictures of the *Blucher*.

LANDING THE DEAD AND RESCUED AT DOVER.

It is stated at Dover that 150 passengers from the *Maloja* and from 40 to 50 Lascars have been landed. It is believed that all the officers were saved, with the exception of two engineers.

A Dover message, sent at 10.30 p.m., says that 44 bodies have been landed. The tide is ebbing, and it is not expected that more bodies will be recovered to-night.

A number of injured persons have been landed at Dover and placed on a hospital ship.

The explosion on the *Maloja* was terrible, and was felt about two miles from Dover. It shook the houses on the front.

THE VERDUN BATTLE.

FALSE GERMAN CLAIMS.

LESS THAN 3,000 FRENCH CAPTURED.

PARIS, Feb. 27.

A French official announcement emphasises the false claims of the German communiques. The statement affirms that the total of the French captured by the Germans do not number 3,000, although the Germans claimed to have taken 10,000 on the 25th.

The German announcement of the capture of Champ Neuville is untrue. The Germans boasted of the capture of "the armoured Fort Douaumont," but this was dismantled in the first months of the war, and contained neither gun nor infantry, and the French to-day are beyond it.

THREE VIOLENT ATTACKS BROKEN.

PARIS, Feb. 27.

To-day's communiques say:—In the region north of Verdun our troops continued to strengthen their positions during the night. There has been no change on the attacking front eastward of the Meuse, where a heavy snowfall has occurred.

No fresh attempt has been reported, either on Talou Hill or Poivre Hill.

At dusk yesterday a strong German attack was launched in the region of a farm at Haudaumont, eastward of Poivre Hill and was broken up by our artillery and machine-gun fire and counter-attacks.

Another German attempt not less violent at Bois Haudaumont met with no greater success.

The orderly retreat of our advance posts was carried out without the least molestation by the enemy.

There has been no infantry action west of the Meuse.

The Germans, in the Voeges, after an artillery preparation, attempted a strong attack at nightfall along a front of two kilometres south-eastward of Calles, which completely failed.

The action of our batteries to-day against supply stores at Sues Weiler to the north of Munster, gave good results.

OFFENSIVE SLACKENS.

SLOPES COVERED WITH GERMAN DEAD.

PARIS, Feb. 28.

The evening communiques say:—North of Verdun, after the violent actions of the preceding days, a certain slackening of the German efforts in the course of the day was reported, except between Douaumont Hill and the plateau north of the village of Vaux, where a strong attack on our positions was repulsed.

Our troops east and west of the Douaumont position, the whole slopes of which are covered with German dead, are closely encircling the enemy fractions which succeeded in gaining a footing there and are holding the ground only with difficulty.

The latest reports show that none of the enemy occupy Talou Hill, which the opposing artillery have rendered untenable to both sides.

The enemy in the Voeges established contact with our outposts towards Blanzee and Moranville, whence his attempts to debouch in the direction of Hill 255 failed.

There was an artillery duel at Hartmannswillerkopf.

We shelled and dispersed an enemy detachment in the Senones region and carried out a destructive fire on the enemy's works between Senones and Rheims.

VIVID ACCOUNT BY A SCOTSMAN.

London, Feb. 27.

A vivid picture of the Verdun fighting is furnished by a Scottish member of the French Foreign Legion.

He says the Legion was posted behind houses to await the onset. "Tons of shells seemed to be raining on us. We could at first see nothing. Then we gradually discerned little dark specks on the horizon, which quickly developed into masses of infantry. Our artillery found the most exact range and wiped out the specks as a sponge wipes out chalk figures from a blackboard. Only when the enemy was five hundred yards distant was rifle and mitrailleuse fire ordered. A sheet of flame flickered from our line, and gradually became a huge blaze of light, illuminating the white scarred faces of the advancing enemy. They recoiled before the first deadly volley and disappeared."

We could hear the frantic incitements of the officers to induce the men to return. Time after time they succeeded, but each time the attack crumpled up. A lull followed.

Then the artillery again opened fire, prelude to a larger attack. This time the enemy got nearer our front. The ranks wavered and the enemy swept exultantly forward, but they were stopped dead at 100 yards by our fire. Before the enemy could recover we dashed forward with the bayonet and completed the rout.

Messengers were bringing up reinforcements for the German. The attack was renewed irresistibly. We were forced back by inches. The slaughter was indescribable. In the fighting at close quarters we lost our share. A portion of the Legion left to cover the retreat escaped annihilation with difficulty. The Germans pressing the attack regardless of life to such an extent as to make the blood freeze."

ENEMY COLUMN ROUTED IN EGYPT.

Cairo, Feb. 28.

It is officially announced that General Lukin's column, consisting of South Africans, Yeomanry, and Territorial artillery, on Saturday morning attacked an enemy column under Mari and Sanfar at Agadin, 15 miles south-east of Barrami. By 3.30 the enemy had been completely routed, and was fleeing in scattered parties, pursued by our cavalry.

At 4 o'clock aeroplanes reported them eight miles south-west of Agadin, still being pursued.

TURKS MAKE ANOTHER STAND IN CAUCASUS.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

It is believed in Petrograd that the Turks have taken their stand in the mountains sixty miles west of Erzurum.

RUSSIANS STILL PURSUING TURKS.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 28.

A communiqué says:—We are still vigorously pursuing the Turks, amid violent snow-storms. The snow in some places reaches breast-high.

THE EVACUATION OF DURAZZO.

Rome, Feb. 28.

The Italian and Albanian troops and 200,000 refugees, with all stores, evacuated Durazzo prior to the Austrian occupation.

An Austrian communiqué says:—Our troops have occupied Durazzo.

VIGOROUS SUBMARINE WAR BEGINS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.

It is semi-officially announced in Berlin that a vigorous submarine war will begin at the start of the 1st March. There will be no question of deviating from the measures.

CALLING UP MARRIED MEN.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

The War Office announces that the date for calling up the married men has not been considered.

AIR RAID CASUALTIES.

NEARLY 200 KILLED AND INJURED.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

An official announcement giving the final list of casualties of the Zeppelin raid on England on the night of January 31st states that 184 men, women and children were killed and injured.

Altogether 333 bombs were dropped.

AIR SQUADRON FROM COMMONWEALTH.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

The War Office have accepted the Commonwealth's offer of an aerial squadron of 25 officers and 126 men.

DISTINGUISHED NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR.

Sir Philip Watts, who retired in 1912 from the important post of Director of Naval Construction, acting since then as adviser on naval construction at the Admiralty, has just accepted a seat on the board of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd.

On his retirement in 1912 Sir McKenna, who was then First Lord of the Admiralty, said of Sir Philip: "He must be on his broad shoulders all the praise and all the blame which is to be associated with the name of *Dreadnought*." During his period he had seen the advent of the first ship of the *Dreadnought* and *Invincible* classes.

TOO PROUD TO FIGHT.

The recruiting official—One grandfather living? Is he on your father's or mother's side?

The recruit—Oh, yes, sir; he sticks up for both on 'em—a sort of neutral.

To-day's Advertisements.

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NANKIN	May 19	May 23	RIHATA	June 6	June 23					
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, January 24.

FANON DUNDEE WHALER.

A week or two ago an account was given

in this "Scottish Letter" of the loss of a

well known Dundee whaler, the Active,

and now we have to record the wreck of an

even more famous vessel, the Scotia. The

Active while the Scotia was in the

British Channel, she was beached, and it is

feared is beyond salvage. The Scotia was

one of the most successful whalers that ever

left Dundee for the Arctic regions, some of

her catches being recorded. This most

important venture of the Scotia, however,

was at the other end of the world, when

she figured in the Scottish National An-

tarctic Expedition organised by Mr. W. S.

Bruce. In every respect she was well

qualified for the task, and after an

absence of 21 months Captain Thomas

Robertson, who is one of the most experi-

enced and skilful of the Dundee whaling

skippers, brought her safely back to port.

The expedition was entirely successful,

resulting in many valuable scientific dis-

coveries. During her second voyage to the

Antarctic the Scotia was caught in a fierce

blizzard, which lasted three days; she was

lifted 4 feet by the pressure of the ice, and

for nearly a week remained in the grip of

the ice. Another event in the Scotia's

history was in 1913, when she was com-

missioned by the Government as a

patrol ship in the North Atlantic. The

Tianic through collision with an

iceberg, and the Scotia was appointed a

patrol to locate icebergs, and to report

them to shipping. After a trial the Scotia

was found too slow, and she was withdrawn

from the patrol.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH.

The Burns Anniversary was celebrated

very quietly in the city of the West. Few,

if any, of the numerous clubs "dined or

supped the members preferring to send

donations to one or other of the various

war funds.

It is interesting at the present time to

recall what Burns describes as "my

favourite question."

"On Reason build Resolve,

That column of true majesty in man,

What proves the hero truly great

Is never, never to despair."

BROTHER BURNS—THE 25TH.

(By William Harvey, Provincial Grand

Bard of Forfarshire.)

We'll lead and lie down hearts we meet,

They'll lead and lie down hearts we meet,

Our board, w' zeaty lars repleet,

The brethren thrang.

Forgetful could, an' wind, and weat,

In toast an' sang.

Aince on a day thou wert thyself,

Vell-coulded w' plumb, an' w' mell;

Dut-Whies—giff ane the truth maun tell—

Thou trimm'd w' oil drawn aff the still

Thy Lasses Lights.

An' aft, lee wad, the Three Degrees,

Were whusky punch an' claret spree,

For thou wert unco gleg to seize

An' thrapple Care.

An' down her deep in Harmonies

Held on the Square.

Yet, Babb, as glorious hour w' thee,

When sang gae gae, and, and, was free,

An' Bresten kept thy company—

I'm bound to say it—

I'd swap my life an' liberty

Giff I could ha' it!

Vae-could, sic luck short our ways

Can never stir. Sae, we'll just raise

Thy honoured name w' blithesome phrase

An' his regard.

And hie back to fair-o'-days—

Auld Scotland's Bard.

BURNS TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH.

We do not know if Burns' poems have

often been translated into English, but

the following two stanzas of the "Cottar's

Saturday Night" were printed about a

century ago.

"They chant their artless notes in simple

guise:

They tune their hearts, by far the noblest

art—

In psalms and hymns their ardent praises

rise,

Composed by various men of worthy name;

And chiefly Watty assists the heavenward

tune.

With verse sublime, fitted for holy lays;

Compared with those Italian airs are tame;

The tickled ears no heartfelt raptures raise;

No union have they with our Creator's

praise."

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